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1. SUMMARY: THE CCD HAD TWO PLENARY MEETINGS, MARCH 28 AND 30, LARGE PART OF WHICH WAS USED BY EE COUNTRIES FOR PUTTING ON THE RECORD THEIR POSITION ON NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND THE REDUCED BLAST/ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS. ALL EE BLOC MEMBERS OF CCD, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ROMANIA, HAVE NOW MADE SUCH STATEMENTS. THE USSR ALSO INTRODUCED A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC EXPERTS GROUP TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. CANADA
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MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP AND ITS RECOMMENDATION TO CONDUCT AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM (INDICATING CANADA COULD PARTICIPATE BY APRIL, 1979). EGYPT ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SESSION PRESENTING, IN GENERAL TERMS, ITS POSITION ON PRIORITY ISSUES UNDER CONSIDER-

ATION BY THE COMMITTEE. THE NETHERLANDS MADE A STATEMENT FOCUSING ON DISARMAMENT MACHINERY, PROPOSING CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT AGENCY, AND INCLUDING BRIEF BUT WELL-BALANCED REMARKS ON THE ISSUE OF THE REDUCED BLAST/ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON (TEXT REF A). SWEDEN MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) AND CALLING FOR CCD TO REMAIN IN SESSION UNTIL IT WAS INFORMED "WHEN OR WHETHER" IT WOULD RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THE TRILATERAL CTB NEGOTIATIONS. THREE INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE CCD, WITH PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS ON NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, WERE HELD AT WHICH STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY EXPERTS OF ALL EE BLOC MEMBERS OF CCD, EXCEPT ROMANIA, AND BY THE US, FRG AND THE NETHERLANDS. THE WESTERN GROUP MET TWICE, MARCH 28 AND 29, TO DISCUSS PRIMARILY PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND STRATEGY FOR PARTICIPATION IN INFORMAL MEETINGS ON NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. THE CCD AGREED ON GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE SPECIAL REPORT OF THE CCD TO THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT (SSOD) AND REQUESTED THE SECRETARIAT TO BEGIN WORK ON A DRAFT OF THE REPORT. THE CCD DECIDED TO TRANSMIT ITS SPECIAL REPORT TO THE UNGA NOT LATER THAN MAY 4. THE COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED TO RESCHEDULE ITS INFORMAL MEETINGS, WITH EXPERTS, ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS FROM 3-7 APRIL TO 25-28 APRIL AND TO BEGIN ITS SUMMER SESSION ON JULY 11. PURSUANT TO AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE DELEGATIONS, THE NEXT PLENARY WAS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25. END SUMMARY.

2. PLENARY MEETINGS OF THE CCD WERE HELD MARCH 28 AND 30. THE USSR MADE A STATEMENT PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC EXPERTS GROUP, UNDER CCD AUSPICES, TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (MDW) "TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INITIAL LIST OF THE TYPES OF SUCH WEAPONS TO BE PROHIBITED UNDER A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT (DOC. CCD/511/REV.1)" (TEXT CONTAINED REF B). POLAND, HUNGARY, THE GDR AND MONGOLIA MADE STATEMENTS REITERATING SOCIALIST COUNTRIES VIEWS ON NEW MDW AND SUPPORTING SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR BOTH ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC GROUP (ABOVE) AND NEGOTIATION OF A CONVENTION PROHIBITING "NUCLEAR NEUTRONS WEAPONS" (REF C).

3. AMB JAY (CANADA) MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT NOTING THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE ON-GOING TRILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) AND SUPPORTING THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP AND ITS RECOMMENDATION TO CONDUCT AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE OF THE INTERNATIONAL

SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM. FURTHER, HE SUPPORTED EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP TO DEVELOP THE TECHNICAL GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE EXERCISE AND ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOC WOULD BE SEEKING BUDGETARY AUTHORIZATION FOR THE NECESSARY RESOURCES SO AS TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM "STARTING AS EARLY AS APRIL 1, 1979."

4. AMB EL-SHAFEI (EGYPT) FORMALLY ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SESSION AND FOCUSED HIS REMARKS ON SOME OF CCD'S PRIORITY ISSUES (I.E., CTB AND NEW MDW). ON CTB, HE CAUTIONED AGAINST ALLOWING THE TRILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO DRAG ON INDEFINITELY AND SUPPORTED CONDUCT

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OF AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE OF AN INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM. ON NEW MDW, HE SUPPORTED THE SOVIET APPROACH CALLING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT, THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS TO DEAL WITH THE SUBJECT (SEE PARA 2 ABOVE), AS WELL AS CCD NEGOTIATION OF THE SOVIET-PROPOSED CONVENTION AGAINST "NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS" (REF C). EL-SHAFEI ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AND THE HOPE THAT SSOD WOULD SUCCEED IN PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DISARMAMENT EFFORTS. IN ADDITION,

EL-SHAFEI TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND THE COMMITTEE OF EGYPT'S MANY INITIATIVES IN THE UNGA CALLING FOR A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND TO POINT OUT THE LINK BETWEEN REGIONAL ARMS CONTROL AND SETTLEMENT OF POLITICAL ISSUES IN RESPECTIVE AREAS.

5. AMB FEIN (NETHERLANDS) MADE A STATEMENT DEALING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRIMARILY WITH DISARMAMENT MACHINERY AND REFLECTING GON VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT EXPRESSED IN SSOD PREPCOM. HE ALSO INTRODUCED, AS CCD/565, THE DUTCH PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT AGENCY WHICH WAS RECENTLY CIRCULATED IN SSOD PREPCOM. THE PROPOSAL, A MODIFIED VERSION OF A SIMILAR DUTCH INITIATIVE OF 1973, ALSO TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR SATELLITE OBSERVATION. AT THE END OF HIS STATEMENT AND DEPARTING SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE GENERAL THEME OF HIS STATEMENT, AMB FEIN TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE ON THE RECORD A BRIEF, THOUGH WELL-BALANCED, STATEMENT OF GON VIEWS ON REDUCED BLAST/ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS (TEXT CONTAINED REF A).

6. UNDER SECRETARY THORSSEN (SWEDEN) BRIEFLY RETURNED TO GENEVA TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE AND REMIND IT THAT SWEDEN HAD CALLED FOR THE CCD TO REMAIN IN SESSION UNTIL IT HAD A CTBT TO SUBMIT TO SSOD. SHE INDICATED THAT THE GOS WAS NOT ENCOURAGED BY EITHER THE MARCH TRIPARTITE STATEMENT ON CTB (REF D) OR AMB WARNKE'S MARCH 21 STATEMENT TO THE CCD (REF E). MRS. THORSSEN STATED THAT IN LIGHT OF THE ABSENCE OF INFORMATION ON "WHEN OR WHETHER" CCD WOULD RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THE TRILATERAL CTB NEGOTIATION, IT WOULD APPEAR NECESSARY FOR THE CCD TO REMAIN IN SESSION AT LEAST THROUGH MAY 12 AND POSSIBLY EVEN THROUGH MAY 19.

7. THE CCD HELD THREE INFORMAL MEETINGS, WITH PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS, ON NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. EXPERTS OF ALL EASTERN EUROPEAN BLOC MEMBERS OF CCD, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ROMANIA, SPOKE. EXCEPT FOR THE PREDICTABLE ADDITION OF ATTACKS AGAINST THE RB/ER WEAPON, THEIR STATEMENTS WERE LARGELY A REHASH OF BLOC STATEMENTS DURING PREVIOUS INFORMAL MEETINGS ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBJECT. U.S. EXPERT (HAGENGRUBER) MADE A STATEMENT CHALLENGING EASTERN EUROPEAN DELS' EXAMPLES OF NEW MDW AND DISTORTIONS OF SCIENTIFIC FACTS, INCLUDING THOSE REGARDING

THE RB/ER WEAPON (REF F). IN BRIEF STATEMENTS, FRG AND NETHERLANDS EXPERTS ALSO QUESTIONED THE VALIDITY OF EASTERN EUROPEAN EXPERTS' ARGUMENTS AND STATED THAT, IN THEIR VIEW, NO EVIDENCE OF ANY NEW MDW EMERGING HAD AS YET BEEN ADVANCED BY EASTERN EUROPEAN DELS.

8. THE WESTERN GROUP MET TWICE BRIEFLY, MARCH 28 AND 29, TO DISCUSS PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS, I.E., GUIDELINES FOR THE SPECIAL REPORT, A POSSIBLE CCD RECESS FOR THE PERIOD OF SSOD PREPCOM (APRIL 1-24), AND STRATEGY FOR CCD INFORMAL MEETINGS ON NEW MDW. ALL AGREED THAT BROAD, GENERAL GUIDELINES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN INITIAL DRAFT OF CCD SPECIAL REPORT TO SSOD AND THAT THE DEBATE ON THE ACTUAL SUBSTANCE OF CONTENT OF THE REPORT SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL ALL DELEGATIONS HAD STUDIED THE SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT. AS TO NEW MDW, U.S., FRG AND NETHERLANDS INDICATED THEIR EXPERTS WOULD MAKE BRIEF STATEMENTS CHALLENGING EASTERN EUROPEAN PRESENTATIONS. THERE WAS ALSO GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR AN AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE SUBJECT WAS UNACCEPTABLE.

9. THE CCD DECIDED TO END ITS SPRING SESSION AT A DATE TO BE AGREED UPON LATER BUT THAT IT WOULD TRANSMIT ITS SPECIAL REPORT TO THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT NO LATER THAN 4 MAY. THE COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED TO BEGIN ITS SUMMER SESSION ON 11 JULY 1978 AT 3 PM. THE COMMITTEE FURTHER DECIDED TO RESCHEDULE THE WEEK OF INFORMAL MEETINGS OF CCD, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS, ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS FROM 3-7 APRIL TO 25-28 APRIL. IN AN INFORMAL MEETING ON MARCH 30, THE CCD AGREED ON GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARA-

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SSOD AND REQUESTED THE SECRETARIAT TO BEGIN WORK ON A
DRAFT OF THAT REPORT.

10. AS A RESULT OF EXTENSIVE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, IN
THE COURSE OF WHICH SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN DELS (EX-
CEPT ROMANIAN) INSISTED ON HOLDING CCD PLENARIES DURING THE
SSOD PREPCOM BUT ENCOUNTERED STRONG OPPOSITION FROM THE
NON-ALIGNED DELS, A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING WAS FINALLY
REACHED TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING FOR APRIL
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